

I support the retention of the morse code requirement. A license applicant should demonstrate knowledge in a variety of areas, including the modes of operation available to them. This should include demonstrated ability for not only morse code, but other digital modes, voice, etc. There has been a progressive erosion of the qualifications for a license, and this should stop. There are already amateur radio license classes which do not require knowledge of morse code, for people who are unwilling or unable to learn the code, as well as other radio services, such as Family Radio Service and Citizen's Band radio, suitable for people who do not want to demonstrate any qualifications at all.